

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Elmer Arthur Bietz and Carol Phyllis Mueller exchanged their wedding vows on February 26, 1956, at Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Elmer and Carol gave life and love to five children: Cindy, Joan, Wayne, Todd and Linda, who in turn presented them with 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Elmer and Carol have lived and farmed in Hutchinson County most of their married lives and are members of First American Lutheran Church at Tripp, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Elmer served 2 years in the United States Navy, was a State Senator for 10 years, and served on numerous community, state and national boards; and,

Whereas, Carol has been the head librarian at the Tripp Public Library and a member of Study Club; and,

Whereas, Elmer and Carol will celebrate their 50th Anniversary and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2006, as

ELMER AND CAROL BIETZ DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State